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Application of:	R. Douglas Cassel	Confirmation No.:	3378
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For:	LOCAL PREVENTION OR AMELIORATION OF PAIN FROM SURGICALLY CLOSED WOUNDS	Attorney Docket No.:	10017-036-999
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		Date:	December 27, 2007

RESPONSE TO RESTRICION AND ELECTION-OF-  
SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the office communication dated June 27, 2007, up to and including December 27, 2007. Please charge the fee of \$2,230.00 for payment of the extension fee, and credit any overpayment, to Jones Day Deposit Account 50-3013.

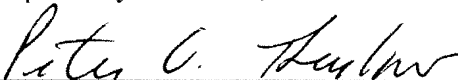
In response to the restriction requirement dated June 27, 2007, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I ( Claims 1-24, drawn to a method of preventing pain from a surgically closed wound, classified in class 514, subclass 310). Applicant notes for the record that the Examiner has indicated in the office communication that Claim 14 is generic.

In response to the election-of-species requirements, Applicant hereby elects the species directed to laparoscopy, lidocaine and a monolithic drug-in-adhesive. Applicant believes the pending claims read on the elected species.

Applicant fully reserves all rights to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected groups and species in one or more subsequent continuation or divisional patent applications.

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Respectfully submitted,

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